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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, SP, NU  
SUBJECT: KING OF SPAIN POSTPONES VISIT TO NICARAGUA

REF: MADRID 6033

1. THE KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN WILL NOT STOP IN NICARAGUA DURING THEIR MID-SEPTEMBER TOUR OF CENTRAL AMERICA, ACCORDING TO JOSE GARCIA BANON, SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA. GARCIA, WHO RETURNED FROM MIAMI AUGUST 16, SAID HE VISITED SEVERAL DAYS AGO WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA IN MIAMI HEART INSTITUTE WHERE PRESIDENT IS RECOVERING FROM RECENT HEART ATTACK. SOMOZA SAID HE DID NOT WANT THE KING AND QUEEN TO VISIT IF HIS (SOMOZA'S) HEALTH DID NOT PERMIT HIM TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE PLANNED SEPTEMBER 13-14 VISIT.

2. GARCIA SAID HE SUGGESTED THAT VISIT TAKE PLACE WITH SOMOZA NOT BEING PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE PROTOCOLARY FUNCTIONS, IN ORDER TO CONSERVE HIS ENERGY. SOMOZA WAS ADAMANT AND SAID NO VISIT UNTIL HE CAN PARTICIPATE FULLY.

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3. GARCIA SAID AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN NEXT DAY OR SO STATING THAT KING AND QUEEN WOULD SKIP MANAGUA ON SEPTEMBER TRIP. HE SAID THEY HOPE TO INCLUDE NICARAGUA ON AGENDA ALONG WITH VISIT TO MEXICO TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR ABOUT NOVEMBER.

4. GARCIA ALSO SAID THAT DURING HOSPITAL VISIT HE WAS SURPRISED AT

EXTENT OF SOMOZA'S ACTIVITY, DIRECTING AIDES, HAVING PEOPLE CALL  
HIS MINISTERS IN MANAGUA WITH INSTRUCTIONS, ETC., ETC., ETC. HE ALSO  
SAID SOMOZA IS ON A 500 CALORIE PER DAY DIET AND HAS LOST A GREAT  
DEAL OF WEIGHT.  
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